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The Honorable Alexander Haig
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am not sure with whom I should register this protest, but if the State Department is the wrong place I would ask that you forward it to the proper authority. My concern is the horrendous cost to keep one prisoner, namely Rudolf Hess, in the Spandau prison.

I understand that the Russians oppose his release simply as a show of strength and determination. I imagine that the Jewish community in our country would like to see him stay there, perhaps, as some kind of symbol. But in these times of tight money I do not see how we can justify doing anything other than releasing him during the period we are responsible for this foolish expenditure of keeping that prison open. I would hope that there would be some way of ending this nonsense promptly.

Sincerely,

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

P.S. I was extremely impressed with your appearance before our Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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